

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices

Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

*Name of Committee:* Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee.

*General Function of the Committee:* To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on November 20 and 21, 2002, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Location:* Holiday Inn, Walker/Whetstone Rooms, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

*Contact Person:* Hany W. Demian, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-410), Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-594-2036, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12521. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

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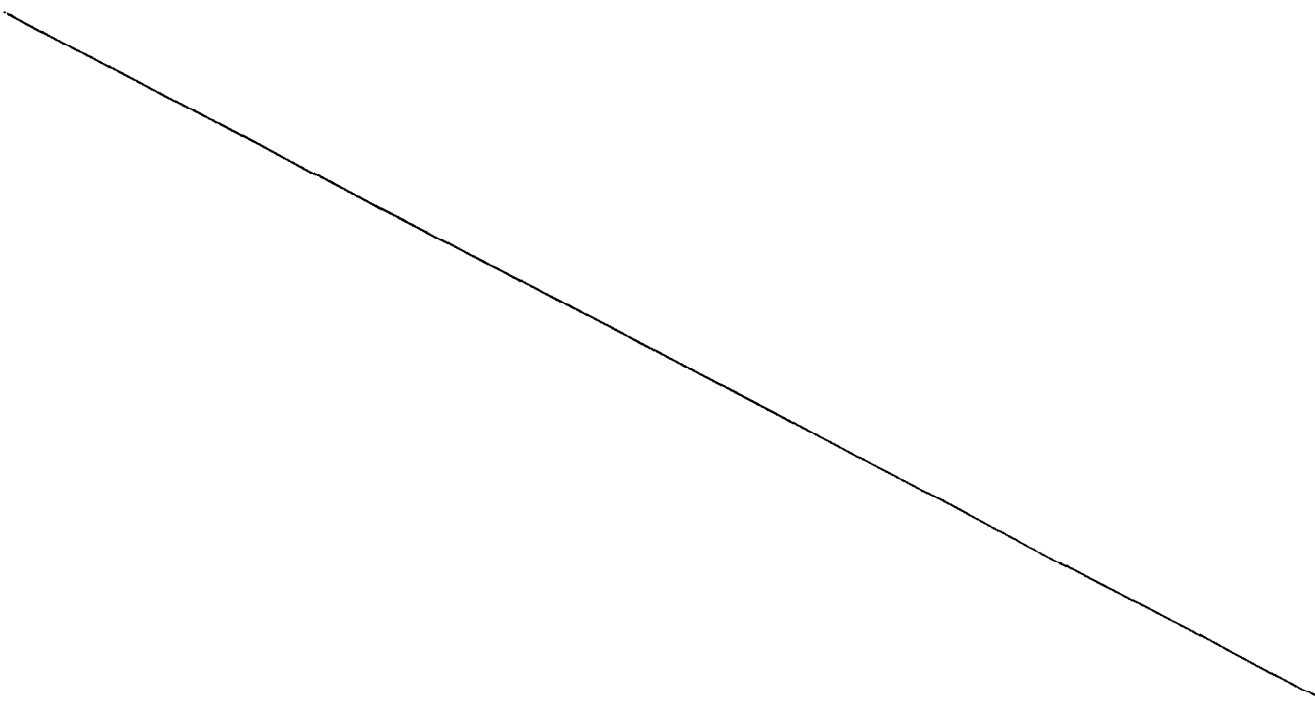
*Agenda:* On November 20, 2002, the committee will discuss, make recommendations, and vote on a premarket approval application (PMA) for a stair-climbing wheelchair. On November 21, 2002, the committee will discuss, make recommendations, and vote on a PMA for growth factors soaked in a collagen sponge used to treat tibial fractures. In addition, on November 21, 2002, the committee will have a general discussion on preclinical and clinical data for spinal devices. Background information for each day's topic, including the agenda and questions for the committee, will be available to the public 1 business day before the meeting on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/panelmtg.html>. Material for the November 20, 2002, session will be posted on November 19, 2002; material for the November 21, 2002, session will be posted on November 20, 2002.

*Procedure:* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by November 8, 2002. On each day, oral presentations from the public will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes at the beginning of each PMA topic and for approximately 30 minutes near the end of the committee deliberations. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before November 8, 2002, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact AnnMarie Williams, Conference Management Staff, at 301-594-1283, ext. 113, at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the November 20 and 21, 2002, Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.



Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act  
(5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: November 5, 2002  
November 5, 2002.



Linda Arey Skladany,  
Senior Associate Commissioner for  
External Relations.

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